(c) if so. what is the reaction of Government and what further steps are proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, the Government has seen the news item.

(b) Yes.

(c) The following steps re taken by the Goveinment: —

CI) A cell has been established in the Directorate Genefal of Health Services to coordinate AIDS Control activity in the country.

(2) 26 surveillance centres have been established in the country to screen high risk group.

(3) All these centres have been pro vided with diagnostic reagents and equipment, package have alsobeen provided to most of them.

(4) Restrictions have been imposed for import of blood and blood pro ducts without AIDS clearance certifi cate.

, (5) All the State Health Authorities! Hospitals STD clinics have been aler ted to. l«ok for AIDS,

(6) All the blood banks have been instructed to screen the professional blood donors.

(7) All the State Health Authorities have been advised to ensure strict sterilisation practices in hospitals and clinics and to use pre-sterilised disposable syringes and needles as far as possible.

(8) Guidelines have been sent to all the State Health Authorities for Health care personnel.

(9) Ail the mass media channels hav$_c$ been involved in educating the people on AIDS, its natuTe, transmission and l prevention,

(10) Regarding foreign students the ' following instructions have been issued; —

(la) All the foreign students [ar]e to to be screened (new and old admissions)

(b) The foreign students should subject themselves for health check to the nearest civil $_s$urgeon|CMOH| Suptd. of District Hospital for the purpose.

Heat Ray Technique to Treat Cancer Patients

257. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Wil) the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to-state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drswn to a newsitem which appear ed in Indian Express of 20th January, 1987 under the caption "Heat tay tech nique to treat cancer";

(b) whether the Hyperthemia technique has since been- introduced in the AJJMS;

(c) whether any research has been conducted by Government about this technique; and

(d) if so, the extent to which the new technique is likely to be helpful for the dancer patients?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY. OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE: (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise -*m* view of (b) and (c) above.